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FROM THE EDITORS:

This is Volume I, Number 1 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. The Editors of this NEWSLETTER are Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Corresponding Secretary/Historian, respectively, of the Griswold Reunion. All of the information in this NEWSLETTER was gathered, written, and synthesized by the Editors. This NEWSLETTER was produced by S. Robert Powell.

The information herein is divided into four primary sections:

I. The Brudos Tea Party, August 20, 1984, at Ridge Farm, Waymart;

II. The 10:30 A.M. combined service of the Aldenville-Clinton Center Baptist Churches in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 26, 1984;

III. The Historical Program, in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, at 1:30 P.M. on August 26, 1984, marking the 153rd Anniversary of the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church;

IV. The 78th Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion, held after the Historical Program (mentioned immediately above) in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, on August 26, 1984.

I. THE BRUDOS TEA PARTY August 20, 1984

Pearl and Ernest Brudos, from Lake City, South Dakota, visited Clinton Township on the weekend before the 1984 Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion celebrations. Pearl is the fourth of the seven daughters of William Van Tassel Curtis and Marie Peterson.

On Monday, August 20, 1984, eleven Griswolds gathered at Ridge Farm, the home of Margaret Rude, to visit with Pearl and Ernest Brudos while they were stopping at Ridge Farm: Margaret Rude, Myrtle Curtis, Beatrice Bartholomay, Alice and Norman Lund, Verna Varcoe, Amy Rude, Doris Howell, Edith Gardner, Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell.

Recollections of early days in Clinton Township, of pheasant shooting expeditions taken by the Rudes to South Dakota during visits to the Brudos family there, and the upcoming Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion were among the many topics of conversation at the afternoon tea served by Margaret Rude. A photograph of the entire group, standing on the front porch of Ridge Farm, was taken by Donald W. Powell.

II. COMBINED SERVICE ALDENVILLE-CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCHES August 26, 1984, 10:30 A.M.

The many activities that took place in Clinton Township on August 26, 1984, began with a combined service of worship of the Aldenville-Clinton Center Baptist Churches in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Reverend Dwight E. Anderson, pastor, at 10:30 A.M.

The program of the worship service is as follows:

Prelude
Call to Worship--
"Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation."

Hymn No. 291: "Revive Us Again"
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading: Selection 482
Hymn No. 172: "The Light of the World"
Saxophone Solo by Mildred Anderson
Scripture Reading: Luke VIII: 22-25
Mission Highlights
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
Receiving the Offering
Offertory

Doxology and Prayer
Hymn No. 119: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
Sermon: "A Chosen Vessel"
"He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." Acts IX:15
Hymn No. 227: "We Have an Anchor"
Benediction
Postlude

Many in the congregation were identified as being descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

Following the church service, a bountiful covered-dish dinner was served in the Church basement. Baked ham (courtesy of Alice and Norman Lund), rolls, beverages, and table service were furnished by the Church. The row of tables along the north wall of the Church was covered from end to end with a very large number of family specialties, which were enjoyed by a capacity crowd. The fine food and the good dinner-table fellowship were enjoyed by one and all for over an hour.

III. HISTORICAL PROGRAM Clinton Center Baptist Church August 26, 1984, 1:30 P.M.

At 1:30 P.M., the well-fed Clintonians returned to the Church sanctuary, where an historical program in honor of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township and of the early ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church

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was presented. The program, marking the 153rd anniversary of the establishment of the Church, was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies. . . . Donald W. Powell
Historical Program Committee. . . Alice Curtis
Lund, Chairman; Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell, Mildred Anderson

I. Prelude. . . . Carol Harris, Piano
(Bless This House, America the Beautiful)

II. Opening Prayer. . . Mildred Anderson

III. Hymn Sing. . . . Congregation, under the direction of Mildred Anderson
a. God Bless America
b. Canal Days-Ho (words by Alice Lund, music by Mildred Anderson)

CANAL DAYS-HO

From Honesdale town to the Hudson down,

Get up mule, haul that coal;
Clap, clap, clap the long, long haul;
Get up mule, haul those hides,
Clap, clap, clap the hard, hard drag.
Get up mule, haul that freight,
Clap, clap, clap, the towpath walk.

Down along the Lackawaxen go,
Get up mule, haul those goods;
Clap, clap, clap, the Delaware cross;
Get up mule, haul that barge,
Clap, clap, clap, it's hard to drag.
Get up mule, haul those folks,
Clap, clap, clap, and earn your keep.

c. This Land Is Your Land

IV. Welcoming Remarks. . . Alice Lund

V. Free-Will Offering for the upkeep of the Clinton Center Baptist Church; Tara's Theme, from Gone With the Wind, to be performed on the piano by Carol Harris during the offering.

VI. Special Music. . . Carrie, Tracy and David Morgenstern

a. Smile, God Loves You
b. I Am the Promise

VII. Jokes, Pleasantries and Plain Truths. . . Alice Lund

VIII. The Delaware and Hudson Canal

"Of the D. & H. Canal" . . . Alice Lund
(written during the winter 1983-1984)

"The Canawler"--a 16 millimeter color film about the Delaware and Hudson Canal; this professionally made film is owned by and is presented today courtesy of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc., S. Robert Powell, President. Film introduced by S. Robert Powell

IX. Benediction. . . Rev. Dwight Anderson

X. Group Photograph, by Donald W. Powell, of 57 of the persons attending the 153rd Anniversary celebration today of the founding of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

The following persons signed the guest register during the 153rd Anniversary historical program:

Alice W. Lund, signature illegible, Becky Geuther, Doris Mead, Marjorie Gravalec, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Giles, Mary Zollbrecht, Mildred E. La Barre, Frances Remsen, Mr. and Mrs. George Pazel, Beulah Gibson, Verla C. Arnold, Verna C. Varcoe, Norman S. Lund, Linda Thornton, Alice Mosher, Clara Buroff, Nicholas Buroff, Wymann Terrell, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Laura Rude, Ann Tyler, David Morgenstern, Carrie Morgenstern, Heather Harris, Tracy Morgenstern, Faith Stranad, Joseph Strand, Donald B. McMillen, Allan G. Geuther, Shirley M. Geuther, Gertrude G. McMillen, Jeff Geuther, Shari Geuther, Jeff Geuther, Wendy

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Geuther, Mrs. Quentin (Juletta) Geuther, Florence Robinson, Iva Robinson, Elizabeth Jones, Ken Bailey, Louella Bailey, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell, Ann and Francis Curtis, Bernice Dolan, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner, Laura Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, Mary Tyler, Jill Schermerhorn, William Schermerhorn, Fred Oliver, Dorothy L. Oliver, Amy Schermerhorn, Steve Gravalec, Jane Kille, Gloria Johnston, Mark Johnston, Richard Kille, James Kille, Wendy Kille, Fred A. Besette, Alfred Shaffer, Jeanne Breidenstein, Margaret R. Rude, Edward T. Myers, Ken Breidenstein, Beatrice Bartholomay, Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell, Julia Wright, Leo Wright, Mildred Anderson.

The following 57 persons sat to a photograph, by Donald W. Powell, at the conclusion of the Historical Program: Mark Johnston, Lester Wright, Wendy Kille, Gloria Johnston, Amy Schermerhorn, Mary Tyler (with dog, Echo), Laura Schermerhorn, Jill Schermerhorn, David Morgenstern, Tracy Morgenstern, Carrie Morgenstern, Heather Harris, James Kille, Mildred La Barre, Mary Zollbrecht, Fred Olver, Donald W. Powell, unidentified, Jane Shaffer Kille, Dorothy Olver, Norman Lund, Alfred Shaffer, Margaret Rude, Faith Stranad, Linda Thornton, Clara Buroff, Joseph Strand, Verna Varcoe, Doris Howell, Nick Buroff, Marjorie Gravalec, Edith Gardner, Helen Giles, Steve Gravalec, Alice Lund, Bernice Dolan, Verla Arnold, Beatrice Bartholomay, Rebecca Geuther, unidentified, Carol Harris, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Doris Mead, Gertrude Snyder, Kenneth Bailey, Mildred Anderson, Ralph Giles, Francis Henry Curtis III, Ann Louise Curtis, Louella Bailey, Beulah Gibson, Mildred Pazel, Myrtle Curtis, S. Robert Powell, unidentified, Iva Robinson, George Pazel.

IV. GRISWOLD REUNION 78th Annual Business Meeting August 26, 1984

Following the Historical Program, the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden convened in the Church sanctuary for the 78th Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion. The program of the Reunion was as follows:

A. Remarks. . . . S. Robert Powell
(Robert pointed out that over 2/3 of the congregation during the 10:30 A.M. church service are Griswolds; he also emphasized that the Griswold Reunion and the Clinton Center Pioneer Day must continue to be celebrated annually and that by combining both celebrations we can strengthen both groups.)

B. Remarks. . . . Donald W. Powell
(Donald presented and described to the group the historical objects that were brought to the Reunion and which were on display on the window sills in the Church basement throughout the day:

1. Fern Box, made by Alice Lund, August 1984;

2. Edith Gardner's painted wooden bowl, "Winter Scene." Edith Gardner: "This bowl was painted by Harriet Curtis Gardner in approximately 1885";

3. Portrait photograph of George and Augusta Curtis, born June 1, 1852; from the collection of Alice Lund;

4. Two photographs from the collection of Edith Gardner: "Lois Norton Curtis," and "Steamship Portland, bound for Alaska, March 13, 1904."

5. An engraved invitation to the 1905 Peck Reunion (the descendants of Rev. Elijah Peck), from the collection of Donald W. Powell; a lively and lengthy discussion of the Peck Reunion followed the presentation of this engraved invitation.

C. Report of the Corresponding Secretary/Historian. . . . S. Robert Powell